

U.S. Application No. 09/706,360, filed November 2, 2000
Amendment dated August 30, 2006
In Response to Office Action of August 2, 2006

REMARKS

Applicant cancels, without prejudice, claims 1-33. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue the subject matter recited in any of the cancelled claims in a continuing application.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication by the Examiner that claims 34-115 were allowed.

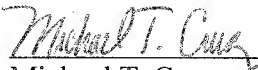
Applicant does not necessarily agree or disagree with the Examiner's characterization of the documents made of record, either alone or in combination, or the Examiner's characterization of recited claim elements. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully reserves the right to argue the characterization of the documents of record, either alone or in combination, or the characterization of the recited claim elements should that need arise in the future.

In view of at least the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should anything remain in order to place the present application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge additional fees or credit overpayments to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

Date: August 30, 2006

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